



Biden to meet Republicans as Democrats push ahead on aid

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is to meet late Monday with a group of 10 Republican senators who have proposed \$618 billion in coronavirus aid, about a third of the \$1.9 trillion he is seeking as congressional Democrats vow to push ahead with or without GOP support.

The Republican group's proposal focuses on the pandemic's health effects, tapping into bipartisan urgency to shore up the nation's vaccine distribution and vastly expanding virus testing with \$160 billion in aid. While that's the same as Biden's proposal, their slimmed down \$1,000 direct payments would go to fewer households than the \$1,400 Biden has proposed, and they offer a fraction of what he wants to re-open schools.

They also would give nothing to states, money that Democrats argue is just as important, with \$350 billion in Biden's plan to keep police, fire and other workers on the job.

Gone are Democratic pri-



White House press secretary Jen Psaki speaks during a press briefing at the White House, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, in Washington. Associated Press

orities such as a gradual lifting of the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

Engaging the White House in high-profile bipartisan

talks is certain to appeal to Biden's wish to unify the nation. But Democrats announced Monday they

were pushing ahead in

the House and Senate on broader budget resolutions that will lay the groundwork for approving a COVID relief bill with a process that

won't depend on Republican support for passage.

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Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer warned that history is filled with "the costs of small thinking."

"The cost of inaction is high and growing, and the time for decisive action is now," he and Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a joint statement. The goal is for approval of COVID relief by March, when extra unemployment assistance and other pandemic aid expires.

The overture from the coalition of 10 GOP senators, mostly centrists, is an attempt to show that at least some in the Republican ranks want to work with Biden's new administration, rather than simply operating as the opposition in the minority in Congress. But Democrats are wary of using too much time courting GOP support that may not materialize or delivering too meager a package as they believe happened during the 2009 recovery. The accelerating talks came as the Congressional Budget Office delivered mixed economic forecasts Monday with robust growth expected at a 4.5% annual rate but employment rates not to return to pre-pandemic levels for several years.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said there is "obviously a big gap" between the \$1.9 trillion package Biden has proposed and the \$618 billion counteroffer.

Psaki said Monday that the meeting with Republican lawmakers would be an "exchange of ideas" but Biden would reiterate his



National Economic Council Director Brian Deese speaks during a press briefing at the White House, Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in Washington.

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stance that "the risk is not that it is too big, this package, the risk is that it is too small."

An invitation to the GOP senators to meet at the White House came hours after the lawmakers sent Biden a letter on Sunday urging him to negotiate rather than try to ram through his relief package solely on Democratic votes. "We recognize your calls for unity and want to work in good faith with your Administration to meet the health, economic, and societal challenges of the COVID crisis," the 10 GOP senators wrote to Biden. "We share many of your priorities."

The cornerstone of the GOP plan is \$160 billion for the health care response — vaccine distribution, a "massive expansion" of testing, protective gear and

funds for rural hospitals, according to a draft.

Other elements of the package are similar to Biden's plan but at far lesser amounts, with \$20 billion to reopen schools compared to \$170 billion. The Republicans offer \$40 billion for Paycheck Protection Program business aid.

Under the GOP proposal, \$1,000 direct payments would go to individuals earning up to \$40,000 a year, or \$80,000 for couples. The proposal would begin to phase out the benefit after that, with no payments for individuals earning more than \$50,000, or \$100,000 for couples. That's less than Biden's proposal of \$1,400 direct payments at higher incomes levels.

With Biden's plan, the direct payments would be phased out at higher in-

come levels, and families with incomes up to \$300,000 could receive some stimulus money.

The meeting to be hosted by Biden would amount to the most public involvement for the president in the negotiations for the next round of virus relief.

Winning the support of 10 Republicans would be significant for Biden in the 50-50 Senate where Vice President Kamala Harris is the tie-breaker. If all Democrats were to back an eventual compromise bill, the legislation would reach the 60-vote threshold necessary to overcome potential blocking efforts and pass under regular Senate procedures. The plea for Biden to give bipartisan negotiations more time comes as the president has shown signs of impatience as the more liberal wing of his party considers passing the relief package through a process known as budget reconciliation. That would allow the bill to pass with a 51-vote majority in the Senate, rather than the 60 votes typically needed to advance.

"If you can't find bipartisan compromise on COVID-19, I don't know where you can find it," said Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, who also signed the letter.

Brian Deese, the top White House economic adviser leading the administration's outreach to Congress, indicated the administration could be open to negotiating on limiting the income thresholds for stimulus checks.

"That is certainly a place that we're willing to sit down and think about, are there ways to make the entire package more effective?" Deese said.

Biden also spoke on Sunday with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, who are facing pressure from the more liberal Democratic members to move forward with Biden's legislation with or without Republican support.

The other GOP senators invited to meet with Biden are Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Todd Young of Indiana, Jerry Moran of Kansas, Mike Rounds of South Dakota, and Thom Tillis of North Carolina.

As a candidate, Biden said his decades in the Senate and his eight years as Barack Obama's vice president give him credibility as a deal-maker and would help him bring Republicans and Democrats to consensus on the most important matters facing the country. But less than two weeks into his presidency, Biden has shown frustration with the pace of negotiations at a time when the economy is showing further evidence of wear from the pandemic. Last week, 847,000 Americans applied for unemployment benefits, a sign that layoffs remain high as the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage. □





This April 14, 2015 photo provided by Philip Greenberg shows Deborah Archer in New York.

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ACLU, for first time, elects Black person as its president

NEW YORK (AP) — Deborah Archer, a professor at New York University School of Law with expertise in civil rights and racial justice, has become the first Black person in the 101-year history of the American Civil Liberties Union to be elected its president.

The ACLU announced Monday that Archer was elected over the weekend in a virtual meeting of the organization's 69-member board of directors. She succeeds Susan Herman, a professor at Brooklyn Law School who had served as president since 2008.

As the ACLU's eighth president since 1920, Archer will act as chair of its board of the directors, overseeing organizational matters and the setting of civil liberties policies. The fight against racial injustice is expected to be a top priority.

The ACLU's day-to-day operations are managed by its executive director — a post currently held by Anthony Romero.

During former President Donald Trump's four years in office, the ACLU filed an unprecedented 413 lawsuits and other legal actions against his administra-

tion, challenging policies related to immigrant rights, voting rights, LGBT rights, racial justice and other issues. The campaign against Trump's administration — promoted in a catchy "See You In Court" ad campaign — fueled huge increases in donations and membership. According to Romero, the ACLU national office and its state affiliates received about \$175 million in donations in the three months after Trump's election, helping to finance a major expansion of staff.

"The ACLU has proven itself as an invaluable voice in the fight for civil rights in the last four years of the Trump era, and we are better positioned than ever to face the work ahead," Archer said.

Early in her career, after graduating from Yale Law School, she was a legal fellow at the ACLU in 1997-98. She has been a member of the ACLU's board since 2009, and a general counsel and member of the board's executive committee since 2017.

At NYU Law School, Archer is a professor of clinical law and director of its Civil Rights Clinic. □



In this Jan. 9, 2021, file photo, transporters Miguel Lopez, right, Noe Meza prepare to move a body of a COVID-19 victim to a morgue at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in the Mission Hills section of Los Angeles.

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Pandemic's deadliest month in U.S. ends with signs of progress

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN** and **MICHELLE SMITH**
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The deadliest month yet of the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. drew to a close with certain signs of progress: COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are plummeting, while vaccinations are picking up speed. The question is whether the nation can stay ahead of the fast-spreading mutations of the virus.

The U.S. death toll has climbed past 440,000, with over 95,000 lives lost in January alone. Deaths are running at about 3,150 per day on average, down slightly by about 200 from their peak in mid-January. But as the calendar turned to February on Monday, the number of Americans in the hospital with COVID-19 fell below 100,000 for the first time in two months. New cases of infection are averaging about 148,000 a day, falling from almost a quarter-million in mid-January. And cases are trending downward in all 50 states.

"While the recent decline in cases and hospital admissions are encouraging, they are counterbalanced by the stark reality that in January we recorded the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in any month since the pandemic began," said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Deaths do not move in perfect lockstep up or down with the infection curve. They are a lagging indicator, because it can take a few weeks for people to get sick and die from COVID-19.

Dr. Philip Landrigan, an epidemiologist at Boston College, said vaccines are a factor in the sharp drop in cases but are not the primary cause. Instead, he said, the crisis has become increasingly "depoliticized" in recent weeks as more people come to grips with the threat and how they can help slow the spread of the virus.

"I don't think you can underestimate the importance of this culture change. I think it's critically important," he said.

After a slow start, the vaccination drive that began in mid-December is picking up the pace. More than 32.2 million doses have been administered in the U.S., according to the CDC. That is up from 16.5 million on the day President Joe Biden took office, Jan. 20. The number of shots dis-

pensed in the week and a half since Biden's inauguration has been running at around 1.3 million per day on average, well over the president's oft-stated goal of 1 million per day. More than 5.9 million Americans have received the required two doses, the CDC said. However, the CDC reported Monday that many nursing home workers are not getting their shots when doses are first offered.

Researchers looked at more than 11,000 nursing homes and other such facilities that had at least one vaccination clinic between mid-December and mid-January. While 78% of residents got at least one shot, only 37.5% of staff members did. Surveys suggest some nursing home workers are skeptical of the shots' effectiveness and don't think viruses spread easily from them to the people they care for.

Three mutated variants of the virus from Britain, South Africa and Brazil have been detected in the U.S. The British one spreads more easily and is believed to be deadlier, but the South Africa one is prompting even more concern because of early indications that vaccines may not be as protective against it. □

'A long two days': Major storm pummels Northeast with snow

By JENNIFER PELTZ and KAREN MATTHEWS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A sprawling, lumbering winter storm walloped the Eastern U.S. on Monday, shutting down coronavirus vaccination sites, closing schools and halting transit as snow piled up from the Appalachians to New England, with the heaviest accumulations yet to come in many places. With flakes falling since Sunday evening, New York City and northern New Jersey braced for as much as 22 inches (56 cm) of snow, and parts of New England for a foot or more. The National Weather Service warned that high winds and snowfall could persist into Tuesday in New York and Wednesday in New England.

"We're looking at a long two days here," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said at a virtual news conference, noting that road conditions were already "seriously dangerous" at midday. In Brooklyn, cars slid and got stuck on a slight hill. In Pennsylvania, authorities said a 67-year-old woman with Alzheimer's disease who reportedly wandered away from her home was found dead of hypother-



Steve Kent skis through Times Square during a snowstorm, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, in the Manhattan borough of New York.

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mia on an Allentown street Monday morning. About 60 miles (97 km) north in Plains Township, a shooting that followed an argument over snow removal killed a married couple, and the suspect was later found dead at his nearby home of a wound believed to have been self-inflicted, officials in Luzerne County said.

A preliminary investigation indicates the people in-

involved had a long-running conflict, but "this morning, the dispute was exacerbated by a disagreement over snow disposal," District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis said.

In Virginia, four firefighters were taken to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries after their fire truck overturned Sunday on snow-covered roads in Henrico County, The Richmond

Times-Dispatch reported.

Across the Northeast, many coronavirus vaccination sites closed Monday. The storm disrupted the second phase of Massachusetts' vaccine rollout as a Boston site that was supposed to open Monday for residents ages 75 and over did not; some other mass vaccination sites were open. The state was expected to get 12 to 18

inches (30.5 to 61 cm) of heavy, wet snow and wind gusts of up to 55 mph along the coast, according to Gov. Charlie Baker.

"We're used to dealing with snow this time of year, but it's important for folks to take this one seriously due to the heavy snowfall, the high winds, and the speed with which this snow is going to fall when it starts to come down," Baker said at a press conference.

Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont said most vaccinations scheduled in his state for Monday were postponed, but he noted that the vaccine can be kept, refrigerated, for days.

In a school year when many students are already learning from home, in-person classes were canceled in many places.

"I'd like to think there is still some virtual learning going on, with a little bit of time for sledding along the way," Lamont quipped.

New York City mom Alyssa Burnham was happy for her son to have "a break from his regular routine."

Now that snow days have blurred into remote-learning days, "it's fun for him to just get out here and be a kid," she said as he played in the snow. □

Report: Many U.S. nursing home staff decline first COVID shots



Registered Pharmacist Ken Ramey with CVS, prepares to give a COVID-19 vaccine, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at the Isles of Vero Beach assisted and independent senior living community in Vero Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

By MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

A little more than a third of nursing home workers have been getting COVID-19 vaccines when the shots

are first offered, U.S. health officials said Monday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave a national accounting of a problem that's

been reported anecdotally — many nursing home workers are not getting the shots.

The CDC looked at more than 11,000 nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities that had at least one vaccination clinic between the middle of December and the middle of January. The researchers found that while 78% of residents got at least one shot, only 37.5% of staff members did. Data previously showed that people who work in nursing homes and long-term care facilities get flu vaccines at lower rates than other health-care workers. Surveys suggest that long-term care workers are skeptical the shots work and don't think viruses spread easily from them to

the people they care for.

The problem was discussed last week during a meeting of an expert panel that advises the CDC on vaccine policy. At the meeting, the CDC's Dr. Amanda Cohn said more staffers get vaccinated when a second or third clinic is held at a home.

"Continuing to capture those staff who did not accept vaccine early will be really important as we try eliminate outbreaks and protect both staff and residents in long-term care facilities," Cohn said.

The government tasked CVS and Walgreens with administering the shots to long-term care homes in nearly every state. Each vaccine requires two shots a few weeks apart, and

CVS and Walgreens say they have wrapped up first-dose clinics in nursing homes. The chains plan three visits to each location.

The CDC released a second report Monday that offered a larger national look at who has been getting the vaccine.

The CDC study found that of the people who got at least one shot between mid-December and mid-January, 63% were women, and 55% were age 50 or older. It also found 60% were White, 11.5% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 5% Black, 2% American Indian/Alaska Native, and most of the others multiracial.

The report echoed previously released data from states. □

Lawmakers debate bill to rout out radical Islam in France

By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French lawmakers tackled a bill on Monday they hope will uproot radical Islam in the country, beliefs that authorities maintain are creeping into public services, associations, some schools and online with the goal of undermining national values. The bill is broad and controversial, with some 1,700 proposed amendments, and it guarantees heated debate for the next two weeks in the lower house. Opening the debate, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin, the bill's sponsor, said the aim is to stop "an Islamist hostile takeover targeting Muslims." He stressed that "we are not fighting against a religion," although some Muslims have voiced concern that it adds a new layer of stigmatization for French Muslims. Other religions, from Buddhists to Catholics, have complained they also could suffer fallout from the text. The bill reflects a priority for President Emmanuel Macron, who in an October



In this Oct. 17, 2020 file photo, a poster reading "I am Samuel" and flowers lay outside the school where slain history teacher Samuel Paty was working, in Conflans-Sainte-Honorine, northwest of Paris.

speech painted a dark picture of what he dubbed "separatism," a perverse version of Islam, France's No. 2 religion, quietly making inroads and creating a "counter society." Darmanin echoed the president in his opening remarks to lawmakers, saying "Our country is suffering from a sickness of separat-

ism, first and foremost an Islamist separatism that is like gangrene infecting our national unity." Darmanin, a right-leaning member of Macron's centrist party, took up his mission to propose a law with zeal, writing a short book to be released in the next few days, "Manifesto for Secularism" — a fundamental

value of France that the bill he sponsored is meant to protect. Multiple terrorist attacks in France by Islamist extremists provide a backdrop for the bill, even if recent attacks were committed by outsiders. The text applies to all religions but some Muslims say the legislation once again

points the finger at Islam. Other critics say the bill covers ground already addressed in current laws while far-right leader Marine Le Pen says the bill doesn't go far enough or even name the enemy: radical Islam. Muslim leaders were keeping a low profile as debate opened. In ways small and large, the bill seeks oversight in the functioning of associations and mosques, including foreign financing, aiming to plug up entry points for Islamist ideology in the lives of Muslims. Mohammed Moussaoui, head of the French Council on the Muslim Faith, the government's main conduit for France's diverse Muslim population, said at a parliamentary commission hearing in January that the new oversight of associations in the bill is "useful, necessary to fight those who want to instrumentalize associations" to counter French values. However, he expressed concern that officials could "use this tool to bother associations, the good students" following the rules. □

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Kosovo, Israel establish diplomatic ties

By LLAZAR SEMINI

Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Kosovo and Israel formally established diplomatic ties on Monday in a ceremony held digitally due to the pandemic lockdown. Kosovo Foreign Minister Meliza Haradinaj-Stublla and her Israeli counterpart, Gabi Ashkenazi, held a virtual ceremony to sign the documents in their respective countries. "Today we are making history. We are establishing diplomatic relations between Israel and Kosovo," said Ashkenazi. "We mark a new chapter in the historical bond between our countries," Haradinaj-Stublla responded in her speech. With Monday's agreement, Kosovo is to become just the third country after

the U.S. and Guatemala to have its embassy located in Jerusalem. It also is the first European or Muslim-majority country to do so. Most countries' embassies are in Tel Aviv. The Palestinians claim east Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war and later annexed, as the capital of a future state. Most of the international community does not recognize the Israeli annexation of east Jerusalem and says the competing claims to the city should be resolved through negotiations. Israeli officials said Kosovo has already selected a location in central Jerusalem and is expected to open the embassy in the next two or three months. The decision on mutual recognition between Kosovo and Israel was

achieved last September as part of a summit at the White House when Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti and Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic agreed to normalize economic ties in the presence of then-President Donald Trump. Speaking in France after talks with French President Emmanuel Macron, Vucic said he's not happy with the Israel-Kosovo agreement and that it could hurt Serbia's future ties with Israel. Serbia does not recognize its former province of Kosovo as a separate state. At the Washington summit, Belgrade also agreed to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, something it hasn't done so far. Ashkenazi said "Israel wants a stable Balkans," adding that, "I consider



A government official takes a selfie during a signing ceremony held digitally, in the capital Pristina, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021.

Associated Press

Serbia as a close and significant partner in the Balkans." The Trump administration recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital in late 2017 and moved the U.S. embassy there in May 2018. It encouraged other countries to do the same but was widely criticized by the Palestinians and many

in Europe because the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains unresolved. Kosovo's Parliament declared independence from Serbia in 2008, nine years after a U.S.-led 78-day NATO airstrike campaign against Serbia to stop a bloody crackdown against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. □

Myanmar's military takes power in coup, detains Suu Kyi

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar

(AP) — Myanmar's military staged a coup Monday and detained senior politicians including Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi a sharp reversal of the significant, if uneven, progress toward democracy the Southeast Asian nation has made following five decades of military rule.

An announcement read on military-owned Myawaddy TV said Commander-in-Chief Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing would be in charge of the country for one year. It said the seizure was necessary because the government had not acted on the military's claims of fraud in November's elections in which Suu Kyi's ruling party won a majority of the parliamentary seats up for grabs — and because it allowed the election to go ahead despite the coronavirus pandemic.

The takeover came the morning the country's new parliamentary session was to begin and follows days of concern that a coup was coming. The military maintains its actions are legally justified — citing a section of the constitution it drafted that allows it to take control in times of national emergency — though Suu Kyi's party spokesman as well as many international observers have said it amounts to a coup.

It was a dramatic backslide for Myanmar, which was emerging from decades of strict military rule and international isolation that began in 1962. It was also a shocking fall from power for Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace laureate who had lived under house arrest for years as she tried to push her country toward democracy and then became its de facto leader after her National League for Democracy won elections in 2015.

While Suu Kyi had been a fierce antagonist of the army while under house arrest, since her release and return to politics, she has had to work with the country's generals, who never fully gave up power. While the 75-year-old has remained wildly popular at



In this Oct. 15, 2017, file photo, Myanmar's Vice President Myint Swe, left, sits with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, right, and then President Htin Kyaw, for a photo session after the second anniversary of the signing of nationwide ceasefire agreement at the Myanmar International Convention Center in Naypyitaw, Myanmar.

home, Suu Kyi's deference to the generals — going so far as to defend their crackdown on Rohingya Muslims that the United States and others have labeled genocide — has left her reputation internationally in tatters.

The coup now presents a test for the international community, which had ostracized Myanmar while it was under military rule and then enthusiastically embraced Suu Kyi's government as a sign the country was finally on the path to democracy. U.S. President Joe Biden threatened new sanctions, which the country had previously faced.

For some, Monday's takeover was seen as confirmation that the military holds ultimate power despite the veneer of democracy. New York-based Human Rights Watch has previously described the clause in the constitution that the military invoked as a "coup mechanism in waiting."

The embarrassingly poor showing of the military-backed party in the November vote may have been the spark.

Larry Jagan, an independent analyst, said the takeover was just a "pretext for the military to reassert their full influence over the political infrastructure of the country and to determine

the future, at least in the short term," adding that the generals do not want Suu Kyi to be a part of that future.

The first signs that the military was planning to seize power were reports that Suu Kyi and Win Myint, the country's president, had been detained before dawn.

Myo Nyunt, a spokesman for Suu Kyi's party, told the online news service The Irrawaddy that in addition to Suu Kyi and the president, members of the party's Central Executive Committee, many of its lawmakers and other senior leaders had also been taken into custody.

Television signals were cut across the country, as was phone and internet access in Naypyitaw, the capital, while passenger flights were grounded. Phone service in other parts of the country was also reported down, though people were still able to use the internet in many areas.

As word of the military's actions spread in Yangon, the country's biggest city, there was a growing sense of unease among residents who earlier in the day had packed into tea shops for breakfast and went about their morning shopping.

By midday, people were removing the bright red flags

of Suu Kyi's party that once adorned their homes and businesses. Lines formed at ATMs as people waited to take out cash, efforts that were being complicated by internet disruptions. Workers at some businesses decided to go home.

Suu Kyi's party released a statement on one of its Facebook pages saying the military's actions were unjustified and went against the constitution and the will of voters. The statement urged people to oppose Monday's "coup" and any return to "military dictatorship." It was not possible to confirm who posted the message as party members were not answering phone calls.

The military's actions also received international condemnation and many countries called for the release of the detained leaders. U.S. President Biden called the military's actions "a direct assault on the country's transition to democracy and the rule of law" and said Washington would not hesitate to restore sanctions.

"The United States will stand up for democracy wherever it is under attack," he said in a statement.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called the developments a "serious blow to democratic

reforms," according to his spokesman. The Security Council will hold an emergency meeting on the military's actions — probably on Tuesday, according to Britain, which currently holds the council presidency.

The U.N. high commissioner for human rights said in a statement that, in addition to politicians, the people detained included human rights defenders, journalists and activists.

In addition to announcing that the commander in chief would be charge, the military TV report said Vice President Myint Swe would be elevated to acting president. Myint Swe is a former general best known for leading a brutal crackdown on Buddhist monks in 2007. He is a close ally of Than Shwe, the junta leader who ruled Myanmar for nearly two decades.

In a later announcement, the military said an election would be held in a year and the military would hand power to the winner. The military justified its move by citing a clause in the 2008 constitution, implemented during military rule, that says in cases of national emergency, the government's executive, legislative and judicial powers can be handed to the military commander-in-chief.

It is just one of many parts of the charter that ensured the military could maintain ultimate control over the country. The military is allowed to appoint its members to 25% of seats in Parliament and it controls of several key ministries involved in security and defense.

In November polls, Suu Kyi's party captured 396 out of 476 seats up for actual election in the lower and upper houses of Parliament.

The military has charged that there was massive fraud in the election — particularly with regard to voter lists though it has not offered any convincing evidence. The state Union Election Commission last week rejected its allegations. □

Death threat against 11-year-old activist outrages Colombia

By MANUEL RUEDA

Associated Press

VILLETA, Colombia (AP) — A social media death threat aimed at an 11-year-old environmental activist has roused outrage in Colombia, a nation where attacks on social leaders are common and threats are taken seriously.

Colombian officials said they are investigating the death threat against Francisco Vera and President Ivan Duque recently promised in a television appearance that his government would find "the bandits" behind the Twitter message.

For his part, the boy says he will continue to lead environmental campaigns and urged other young people to use social media to "support causes they believe in."

Vera, who has drawn comparisons to teenage Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg, got together with six friends from school about two years ago and marched to the main park in his hometown of Villeta carrying card-



Francisco Vera, 11, who is well-known in Colombia for his environmental campaigns and defense of children's rights, gives an interview in Villeta, Colombia, Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021.

Associated Press

board signs and chanting slogans about climate change, under the supervision of his grandmother.

His Guardians for Life group now has at least 11 chapters and more than 200 members across Colombia. It planted hundreds of trees last year and petitioned Colombia's government to ban single-use plastics.

He spoke before the country's congress last year.

On Jan. 15, the boy received a gruesome, profanely worded death threat from a Twitter account using a false name in response to a video he posted urging Duque to improve internet access for children studying from home during the pandem-

ic.

Such threats have weight in Colombia. The United Nations says that at least 53 community leaders were murdered in the South American country last year and it is examining reports of an additional 80 such slayings.

The nation is struggling to achieve peace following

decades of guerrilla conflict and clashes involving drug gangs and paramilitary groups.

Twitter suspended the threatening account and the boy received hundreds of messages of support, including a letter that was hand-delivered by United Nations officials. Signed by the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, Michelle Bachelet, it congratulated Francisco for his work on behalf of the environment. At home in Villeta, a small town surrounded by mountains, Francisco said he welcomes "constructive criticism" and is trying to ignore the threat as well as messages in which critics accuse him of being an instrument of leftist politicians.

He said his group of young activists will campaign against the introduction of oil fracking technology in Colombia and will also keep up pressure on politicians to ban single-use plastics. Last year, the group collected 24,000 signatures in an online petition for such a ban. □

South Africa's virus lockdown helps reduce rhino poaching

By MOGOMOTSI MAGOME

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

The number of rhinos killed in South Africa's national parks dropped by 33% last year, with COVID-19 restrictions helping by reducing movements around the country, the country's environmental ministry announced Monday.

According to authorities, 394 rhinoceroses were poached for their horns compared to 594 that were killed in 2019.

"During the COVID hard lockdown period we had a significant reduction in poacher incursions into Kruger National Park," Minister Barbara Creecy announced in a statement.

"However, that changed later in the year as the lockdown levels eased and a significant spike in



In this Wednesday, March 8, 2017 file photo, three rhinos line up at the Welgevonden Game Reserve in the Limpopo province, South Africa.

Associated Press

poaching in Kruger was experienced toward the end of 2020, especially during December," she said.

The country's largest national park, Kruger experienced 1,573 poaching

activities overall during the period, a 21.9% decrease compared to 2019.

This was the sixth consecutive year that a decline in poaching in the country had been recorded, according to Creecy. □

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NOORD — Tuscany Residence Aruba is found in one of the most popular neighborhoods of Aruba, close to the shopping and nightlife of Palm Beach, and best of all it is within walking distance of the finest white beaches and clear blue ocean. Tuscany Residence Aruba brings luxury living to a new level.

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De Groot adds, "Our project is in continuous construction which builds confidence. Aside of the town houses and villa you can see the community pool now, providing you with the idea of style and quality of our residence." He continues saying that maintenance, property management, rental program and safety are taken care of. "You can log in from abroad and manage your property for rental or view your administration." The great thing about Tuscany is that it offers everything equal to a resort but you do not need to wait for an elevator to bring you up,

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ORANJESTAD — Papiamentu, Creole language of ABC (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao) is from the Cape Verdean Creole family (Cape Verdean language) and was taken to the Caribbean in the 9th century by the Cape Verdeans of that time (linings and slaves), experts in cane culture and sugar production, and who were hired by Jewish entrepreneurs who went to invest in this business in the Caribbean. Cape Verdeans taught this pre-industrial revolution technology (planting cane and producing sugar, which they had learned from Madeirans) to slaves from other African regions, and did so in their language, Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language), hence the language implanted in Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Unlike many interesting stories, wanting to link Papiamentu directly to Portuguese, Galician or Castilian (see Papiamentu, on Wikipedia - Portuguese version and Spanish version, where the Portuguese and Spanish, each claim the direct origin of Papiamentu), in fact, this is not true. Papiamentu is not direct from Portuguese, Galician or Castilian, it is from the Cape Verde Creole family (Cape Verdean language). You can see this best when it's saying obscene words and offending someone, precisely as they say today in both ABC and Cape Verde islands. The obscene words kept the original, had no lexical influence either from Castilian or Dutch. Also the Papi Cristang of Malacca, the Patuá of Macau, and several creoles from the east (from Daman, Sri Lan-

ka, Myanmar, Philippines, Indonesia) and Africa (Casamança, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, these last two releases to the English), all originated in the Creole of Cabo Verde (Cape Verdean language), which was the French language spoken in Portuguese feitories on the coast of Africa (from Senegal to Sierra Leone), and which was taken east by the thousands of cable - Verdeans (linings and slaves, already Christianized and speaking Creole) who served as sailors and "slaves of arms" in Portuguese caravels, demanding the east. I don't know why the official history of Portugal usually omits this fact, which is in the chronicles of the quinrentist chroniclers, but which we never saw in the history of Portugal that we study



from primary education to higher education. However, it has always been tried to deceive us, in colonial time, that we were descendants of Viriato (Iberian hero in the fight against the Romans) and the pastors of the Hermini Mountains, but not much speaking of our black-African ancestry.

We Cape Verdeans understand each other very well with these Antillans and Easterns, whose language is from the same Creole family of Cape Verde (Cape Verdean language), speaking their

Creole and we ours. Therefore, Papiamentu, Papi Cristang, Patuá Macaense and the creoles, said of Portuguese origin, Daman, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, some locations in the Philippines and some places in Indonesia, are creoles of the language family Cape Verde Creole (Cape Verdean language) and indirectly the Galaico-Duriense or Galaico-Portuguese, a language that the people spoke in Portugal in the 6th and 7th century.

Anonymous
Source: Dushi Aruba

Celebrate Love!

Valentine's Day is the celebration of love, beauty and romantic mood between couples and/or friends. It is a festive day where you would like to emphasize the importance of this special person in your life. You can do this in many ways, by sending cards, flowers, gifts, presents or arranging a wonderful day/night out.



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Material earth, native clay

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ORANJESTAD — Imagine tracing cultural and social transformation through works of clay. Connecting us with our origins through its main element, the earth, who has the millennial age of the planet and gives it its name.

Working with clay is a passion and profession taught from generation to generation that releases a feeling through which cultures and artisans expressed themselves. If we allow children to interact with the clay, we promote their creativity and development, since when modeling creations with their own hands, they develop sensory perception. The act of shaping the mixture is almost instinctive and comes naturally. It is an impulse that helps develop fine motor skills and leads us to discover how a little flexible material can take the shape that our ingenuity dictates. That natural-



ness of molding dates back forever because the clay bowl is like the brother of the stone ax, both being the first utensils that humanity introduced to its daily life during the Neolithic period.

There is a great legacy of ancient cities, monuments, ceremonial, musical, funerary and home-use objects made in clay, which protected a great part of the customs and worldview of our ancestors.

There is a current trend in which many people are now reconnecting with ancestral trades such as pottery, weaving, cooking, etc. because through them they achieve a relaxing moment. The dedication and concentration that manual work requires helps organize ideas and even clarify thoughts and feelings. In the case of working with clay, it is valuable to discover creativity, decide what to do as well as use the clay to mold emotions of fear or anger.

Human beings are molded and written on like clay tablets looking all the same however none are equal to each other. Manual work (weaving, wood carving, embroidery, pottery) gives us the opportunity to spend time intensely concentrating on what we forge with our hands. At Etnia Nativa, we think that trades should be considered active meditations par excellence. Working with clay we interact with four elements: earth, wind, fire and water. The earth gives us its matter that the water molds and the air purifies it to deliver it to the fire that crystallizes it

in to ceramic.

Clayworks reflect our energy. Every shape and detail printed on what we create says something about who we are. Working with clay is a work of self-knowledge where creativity arises through emotion and fluency. Etnia Nativa treats raw clay in the native traditional way. We identify the best material by hunting for raw clay. For this we distinguish high quality clay from the rest of the earth. Then adding water we purify the material thus contributing to the cleaning process. During this stage the clay is purified and detoxified, dehydrating and thus we begin to mold our forms.

Having on hand tools necessary for working with clay such as wooden sticks, cutters, brushes are useful to achieve attractive results, without forgetting the ceramic lathe.□

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What do consumers want now? P&G bets on beard oil, cleaners

By **JOSEPH PISANI**

AP Retail Writer

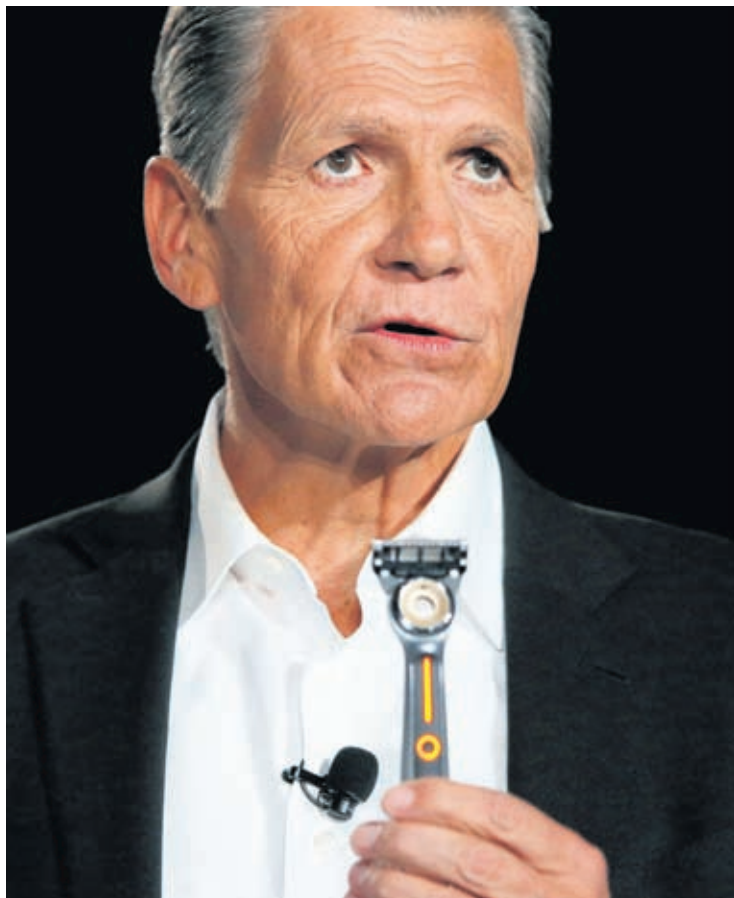
NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble is cleaning up during the pandemic.

The company's sales were up last year, since it happens to make just about everything people needed while staying at home: Charmin toilet paper, Bounty paper towels and Tide laundry detergent. One new product came at the right time:

Disinfectant spray Microban 24 was released in February 2020, just before U.S. lockdowns began and as people rushed to find cleaning products that could keep surfaces and door knobs germ-free.

"This product, as you can imagine, is on fire right now," said Marc Pritchard, P&G's chief brand officer.

Not so hot: Gillette razors. Sales are flat as men skip their morning shave routines while they work from home instead of the office. It is now selling beard oils and balms, a major shift for a brand that has promoted clean-shaven faces for more than a century. In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Pritchard



Procter & Gamble Chief Brand Officer Marc Pritchard holds up the Gillette Heated Razor during a Procter & Gamble news conference, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

talked about people's shaving habits and how P&G is creating products for consumers who are home more.

The questions and answers below have been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Are people shaving during the pandemic?

A: They're still shaving, just not as frequently. For those who want beards, we've introduced King C. Gillette, which is a beard care product. We're really cov-

ering all the needs when it comes to shaving.

Q: Has P&G sold beard grooming products before?

A: On a very minor basis. But this was the first one designed to make sure that it really focused on people that wanted beard care. It's got ways to condition the beard, ways to trim, it's got the whole thing.

Q: Did the company see a need for a new disinfectant with Microban 24? Was the timing lucky?

A: The consumer need for keeping surfaces clean and free of bacteria is a major unmet need that's been around for a long time. We've been working on it for years. It just happened that we launched right when the pandemic hit.

Q: Dish soap has been in squirt bottles for decades. Why launch a Dawn dish soap that sprays?

A: What we were seeing was this consumer behavior of cleaning one dish at a time. They were taking the bottle, squirting a little bit of dishwashing liquid onto the dish and cleaning it and rinsing it. What we wanted

to do is try to make it simpler. So we created this spray. You don't have to scrub, you just spray it and then either wipe or rinse off.

Q: With the pandemic and people home more, is P&G changing the types of products it makes for consumers?

A: What we're now doing is looking at what are the problems that need to be solved. Doing more dishes in the sink? Spray on Dawn. Need to clean your surfaces? Clean with Microban 24.

Q: Many of P&G's products promote the idea that they are made with less water or plastic packaging. Do people still care about the environment during a health crisis?

A: Yes. What's interesting about it is that while people are spending more time at home, they're getting more and more interested in the environment. What they are recognizing, for example, is how much water they're using; how much heat and energy they're using; how much plastic waste they're creating. There's a heightened interest. □

Wall Street's GameStop bug may have mutated; silver surges

NEW YORK (AP) — The erratic trading in shares of underdog companies like GameStop that turned markets combustible last week appears to have migrated to commodities, sending silver prices surging to an eight-year high. Silver futures jumped almost 12% on Monday to over \$30 per ounce following strong gains over the weekend. That exuberance spread to companies that mine precious metals, especially silver. Shares of Pan American Silver surged more than 9%, First Majestic Silver rose 18.7%, Hecla Mining spiked 21.8%, and Coeur Mining soared 17.6%.

On Twitter, #silversqueeze began to trend as just the latest anomaly to emerge from the "WallStreetBets" forum on Reddit.

The online army of Reddit traders have banded together for the past week to pour money into out-of-favor companies such as GameStop and AMC. In the process, they've done heavy damage to hedge funds that had bet the shares would fall in a stunning reversal of financial power on Wall Street. But the rush into silver futures has created confusion amid the chaos, with some retail traders on Reddit calling the surge in commodity prices a "false flag." "IT'S A TRAP!" one Redditor warned.

Some of these smaller traders believe the hedge funds that were pillaged last week are behind the surge in silver. Communications on messaging boards claim hedge funds have now become active

on Reddit anonymously, attempting to drive them out of GameStop bets and into silver, but only after hedge funds had taken huge positions.

The number of GameStop shares that have been shorted (bets that the stock will fall), were slashed by more than half in recent days, according to a report Monday by the analytics firm S3 Partners. Shares of GameStop Corp., which signaled a seismic and perhaps short-lived power shift in financial markets, fell 20% Monday. But the stock price, as it has been for more than a week, is tremendously volatile. The price was up sharply before the opening bell. The battle over GameStop, according to Morgan Stanley, may have played a part in ig-



In this file photo dated Wednesday, May 9, 2007, Silver bullion, bars weighing five kilograms each, are displayed in the trading room of the stock exchange in Frankfurt, Germany.

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niting a market correction. "Markets corrected 3-5% with many of our favored trades taking a much needed and expected hit," Wilson wrote. "This is normal in an exuberant bull market, but we don't

think the correction is over until leverage is reduced further by both institutional and retail investors." Analysts who monitor silver markets say there is more to the story than small investors rushing in. □

Fighting climate change in America means changes to America

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

Climate isn't the only thing changing.

What comes next in the nation's struggle to combat global warming will probably transform how Americans drive, where they get their power and other bits of day-to-day life, both quietly and obviously, experts say. So far the greening of America has been subtle, driven by market forces, technology and voluntary actions.

The Biden administration is about to change that.

In a flurry of executive actions in his first eight days in office, the president is trying to steer the U.S. economy from one fueled by fossils to one that no longer puts additional heat-trapping gases into the air by 2050.

The United States is rejoining the international Paris climate accord and is also joining many other nations in setting an ambitious goal that once seemed unattainable: net-zero carbon emissions by midcentury. That means lots of changes designed to fight increasingly costly climate disasters such as wildfires, floods, droughts, storms and heat waves.

Think of the journey to a carbon-less economy as a road trip from Washington, D.C., to California that started about 15 years ago. "We've made it through Ohio and up to the Indiana border. But the road has been pretty smooth so far. It gets rougher ahead," said climate scientist Zeke Hausfather, climate and energy director at the Breakthrough Institute.

"The Biden administration is both stepping on the gas and working to upgrade our vehicle," Hausfather said.

The end results of some of Biden's new efforts may still



In this Oct. 16, 2019, file photo a driver plugs in the Charge Point electric plug into his Tesla car at a parking garage in downtown Los Angeles.

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not be noticeable, such as your power eventually coming from ever-cheaper wind and solar energy instead of coal and natural gas that now provides 59% of American power. But when it comes to going from here to there, that you'll notice.

General Motors announced Thursday that as of 2035 it hopes to go all-electric for its light-duty vehicles, no longer selling gas cars. Experts expect most new cars sold in 2030 to be electric. The Biden administration promised 550,000 charging stations to help with the transition to electric cars.

"You will no longer be going to a gas station, but you will need to charge your vehicle whether at home or on the road," said Kate Larsen, director of international climate policy research at the Rhodium Group. "It may be a whole new way of thinking about transportation for the average person."

But it will still be your car, which is why most of the big climate action over the next 10 years won't be too noticeable, said Princeton University ecologist Stephen Pacala.

"The single biggest difference is that because wind and solar is distributed you will see a lot more of it on the landscape," said Pacala, who leads a decarbonizing America study by the National Academy of Sciences that comes out next week.

Other recent detailed scientific studies show that because of dropping wind, solar and battery prices, Biden's net-zero carbon goal can be accomplished far cheaper than feared in the past and with health benefits "many, many times" outweighing the costs, said Pacala, who was part of one study at Princeton. Those studies agree on what needs to be done for decarbonization, and what Biden has come out with "is doing the things that everyone now is concluding that we should do," Pacala said.

These are the type of shifts that don't cost much — about \$1 day per person — and won't require people to abandon their current cars and furnaces, but replace them with cleaner electric vehicles and heat

pumps when it comes time for a new one, said Margaret Torn, a senior science at the Department's of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, who co-authored a peer-reviewed study Wednesday.

Part of the problem, said study co-author Ryan Jones, co-founder of Evolved Energy Research, is that for years people have wrongly portrayed the battle against climate change as a "personal morality problem" where individuals have to sacrifice by driving and flying less, turning down the heat and eating less meat.

"Actually, climate change is an industry economy issue where most of the big solutions are happening under the hood or upstream of people's homes," Jones said. "It's a big change in how we produce energy and consume energy. It's not a change in people's day-to-day lives or it doesn't need to be."

One Biden interim goal — "a carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035" — may not be doable that quickly, but can be done by 2050, said study co-author Jim Williams of the University of San Francisco. Biden's executive orders featured plans for an all-electric federal fleet of vehicles, conserving 30%

of the country's land and waters, doubling the nation's offshore wind energy and funding to help communities become more resilient to climate disasters. Republicans and fossil fuel interests objected, calling the actions job-killers.

"Using the incredible leverage of federal government purchases in green electricity, zero-emission cars and new infrastructure will rapidly increase demand for home-grown climate-friendly technologies," said Rosina Bierbaum, a University of Michigan environmental policy professor.

The next big thing for the administration is to come up with a Paris climate accord goal — called Nationally Determined Contribution — for how much the United States hopes to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. It has to be ambitious for the president to reach his ultimate goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, but it also has to be doable.

His administration promises to reveal the goal, required by the climate agreement but nonbinding, before its Earth Day climate summit, April 22. That new number "is actually the centrally important activity of the next year," said University of Maryland environment professor Nate Hultman, who worked on the Obama administration's Paris goal.

Getting to net zero carbon emissions midcentury means about a 43% cut from 2005 levels — the baseline the U.S. government uses — by 2030, said the Rhodium Group's Larsen. The U.S. can realistically reach a 40% cut by 2030, which is about one-third reduction from what 2020 U.S. carbon emissions would have been without a pandemic, said Williams, the San Francisco professor.

All this work on power and vehicles, that's easy compared with decarbonizing agriculture with high methane emissions from livestock and high-heat industrial processes such as steel-making, Breakthrough's Hausfather said. □

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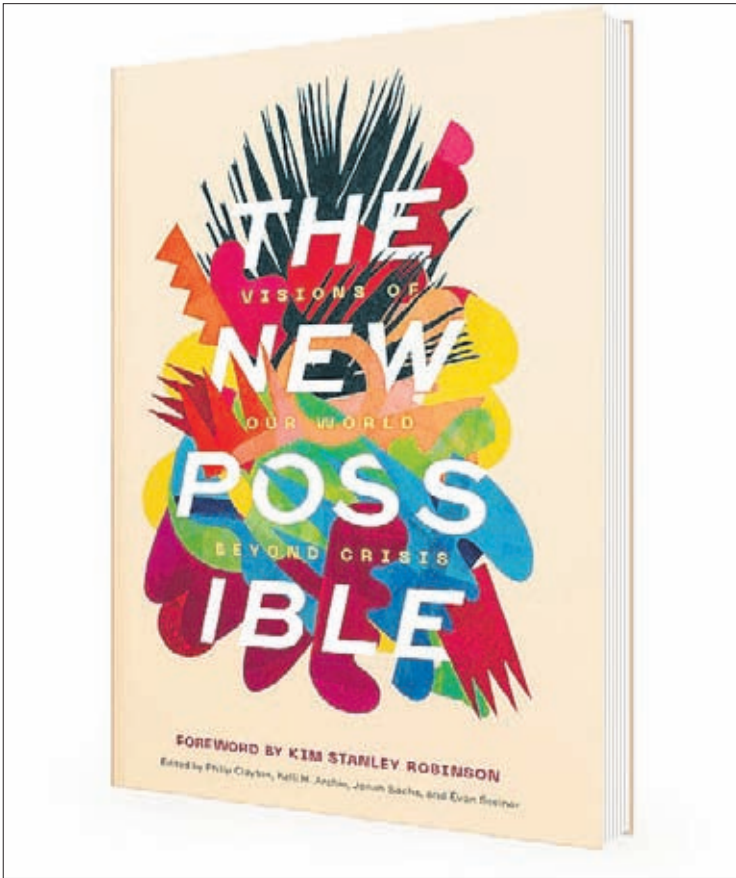
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By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer
SAN RAMON, Calif. (AP) — In pop culture, 2020 has been understandably re-viled as the "hell year." It tormented us with a lethal pandemic spiraling out of control, thousands of shuttered businesses, violent protests over racial injustice, raging wildfires and political extremism and lies that underpinned January's harrowing coup attempt at the U.S. Capitol.

But what if all that tumult actually laid the foundation for societal revival? That's the premise offered by an eclectic group of writers, academics, scientists, environmentalists, and technology engineers in "The New Possible," a collection of essays that explore what and how the world might rebuild from the rubble of the past year. The group behind the book doesn't lack for ambition. People from science fic-

New book sees a 'New Possible' emerging from 2020's tumult

tion novelist Kim Stanley Robinson to Buddhist monk Jack Kornfield suggest ways to reshape technology, the economy, the environment, the food supply, government and community in hopes that people can eventually look back at 2020 as a reawakening and not a death rattle. "People can tell our systems are broken, and not just in a subtle way, not just like we need to tweak a few things or throw a few bad apples out," said Justin Rosenstein, a former Google and Facebook engineer who contributed an essay on building a "democratic economy." "The rules of the system are rigged against us. They are not designed to serve the interests of humanity, they are not designed to serve the interests of nature." Rosenstein was one of the driving forces behind the book, which was released last week. Some critics may see him as part of the problem, given that he invented the Facebook "Like" button that helped propel the success of a social network that has become a massive funnel of misinformation that has become a source of consternation and regret for him and other one-time

Facebook backers like investor Roger McNamee. "It is very tempting to hate the players rather than look at the game and realize it's the problem," Rosenstein said. "We have new technology that can enable us to harness our collective intelligence in ways that has never been possible before." The book is backed by One Project, a nonprofit group Rosenstein started as part of his effort to improve the way we live and work. He also was a protagonist in "The Social Dilemma," a Netflix documentary about the dark side of social media released four months before the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. Another "Social Dilemma" standout, former Google engineer Tristan Harris, founded the Center for Humane Technology in 2018 to nudge the industry away from building services and devices designed to attract and hold onto our attention. His considers his essay a kind of sequel to the Netflix documentary and its warning about how Facebook and Twitter can tear people apart instead of bringing them together. "We have been scream-

ing at the top of our lungs about this train running off the cliff for a long time and then it culminated in Jan. 6," Harris told the AP, referring to the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol incited by former President Donald Trump. "We have trapped the entire global psyche inside this Vegas-style dopamine machine that has become the host of our democratic conversations." "The New Possible" aims to spur change through 28 essays divided into 10 categories — Earth, Us, Change, Wealth, Work, Food, Education, Love, Community and Tomorrow. The contributors the gamut from best-selling author Michael Pollan to high school teen activist Anisa Nanavati. The contributors quickly embraced idea last spring, said Philip Clayton, one of the book's editors and president of the Institute for Ecological Civilization. In the eight months since work on the essays began, Clayton believes the sequence of events that bookended the Nov. 3 election have turned "The New Possible" into a Kairos book, referring to the ancient Greek word for an opportune time in history. □

Angelina Jolie sells painting Churchill gave as gift to FDR

By JILL LAWLESS
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LONDON (AP) — A painting by Winston Churchill that is a piece of both political

and Hollywood history is coming up for auction. Christie's auction house said Monday that the Moroccan landscape "Tower

of the Koutoubia Mosque" — a gift from Churchill to U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt — is being sold by Angelina Jolie next month with an estimated price of 1.5 million pounds to 2.5 million pounds (\$2.1 million to \$3.4 million). The image of the 12th-century mosque in Marrakech at sunset, with the Atlas Mountains in the background, is the only painting that Britain's World War II leader completed during the 1939-45 conflict. He painted it after the January 1943 Casablanca Conference, where Churchill and Roosevelt planned the defeat of Nazi Germany. The two leaders visited Marrakech after the conference so that Churchill

could show Roosevelt the city's beauty. "Roosevelt was blown away by it and thought it was incredible," said Nick Orchard, head of Christie's modern British art department. He said Churchill captured the view in the "wonderful, evocative painting" and gave it to Roosevelt as a memento of the trip. Churchill was a keen amateur artist who completed some 500 paintings after taking up painting in his 40s. Orchard said that "the light in Morocco and over Marrakech was something that Churchill was passionate about" and painted again and again. "He loved the dry air, the light, the sun and the way it

played on the landscapes," he said. "And that's absolutely visible here in this painting. You can see the long shadows and the turning purple of the mountains and the deepening of the sky — classic sunset time." The painting was sold by Roosevelt's son after the president's death in 1945, and had several owners before Jolie and partner Brad Pitt bought it in 2011. □



An oil on canvas painting by Sir Winston Churchill Painted in Jan. 1943 called 'Tower of the Koutoubia Mosque' is displayed at Christie's auction rooms in London, Friday, Jan. 29, 2021.

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Serena Williams through easily in Australian Open tuneup

By JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— Serena Williams found a silver lining in the delayed start to the Australian Open, the season-opening Grand Slam tournament that is starting three weeks later than usual because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Time.

Time to recover from an Achilles injury that ended her run at last year's French Open before her second-round match. Extra time with her daughter, albeit in hotel quarantine.

The 39-year-old American, a seven-time Australian Open champion, restarted her lengthy quest for a 24th Grand Slam singles title with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Daria Gavrilova on Monday in a tuneup tournament at Melbourne Park.

There are six tournaments being staged this week to give players some chance at competitive tennis before the first major of the year starts next Monday. Williams is playing in the Yarra Valley Classic, along with top-ranked Ash Barty and defending Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin.

The fifth-seeded Williams said she was "pushing the limits" just being fit enough



United States' Serena Williams makes a backhand return to Australia's Daria Gavrilova during a tuneup tournament ahead of the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Monday, Feb. 1, 2021.

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to compete at Melbourne Park.

"I needed every time — I don't think I would have been here if it was during the regular season," she said. "So, whew, that was an unwanted blessing, I would say, but it was much needed for me."

"So I definitely took that time to recover and to just do the best that I can — and so now it's a lot better." Williams played an exhibition match against Naomi Osaka in Adelaide last Friday in her first post-quarantine action.

Against Gavrilova on Margaret Court Arena, she wore a long-sleeve shirt throughout the match during a relatively cool summer day in Melbourne and later said she achieved what she had aimed to achieve for a second-round encounter — mainly the 1 1/2 hours on court.

Williams hit 28 winners and had 19 unforced errors, converted three of her six breakpoints and fended off all four she faced. She will next face Tsvetana Pironkova. Williams beat Pironkova in the U.S. Open quarterfi-

nals in September and was set to play the Bulgarian at Roland Garros before injury forced her to withdraw.

The extra few weeks off before the season meant there was just enough time for the bare minimum preparation.

"Honestly, not as much as I would have liked, because I needed to take — Achilles ... oh my goodness, I didn't realize it would be this long," she said. "So I definitely was pushing the limits, but I'm here."

Williams has been stalled on 23 major singles titles since

the 2017 Australian Open, when she was two months pregnant with now-3-year-old daughter Olympia.

In other matches at the Yarra River Classic, No. 13 Danielle Collins beat Nina Stojanovic 6-2, 6-1 and seventh-seeded Petra Martic defeated Vera Lapko 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

HALEP ADVANCES

Second-ranked Simona Halep, the top-seeded player in the Gippsland Trophy, had a 6-4, 6-4 second-round win over Anastasia Potapova to advance along with third-seeded Eliina Svitolina, No. 8 Karolina Muchova and No. 9 Ekaterina Alexandrova.

Earlier, Coco Gauff was up a service break in the second set and appeared to be on the verge of victory in her first-round match before having to fend off Jil Teichmann 6-3, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5).

WARMUP WEEK

The first Grand Slam tournament of the year was delayed by three weeks to allow for COVID-19 protocols which required all people arriving in Australia to spend 14 days in quarantine.

The biggest men's tournament is the ATP Cup team event, which starts Tuesday. □

Rangers' DeAngelo goes unclaimed on waivers by rest of NHL

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

Tony DeAngelo went unclaimed by the NHL's other 30 teams Monday after the New York Rangers put him on waivers.

It was not immediately clear what the Rangers would do with the 25-year-old defenseman who remains under contract with them. DeAngelo is not expected to play Monday night against Pittsburgh.

The Rangers waived DeAngelo on Sunday less than four months since re-signing him to a \$9.6 million, two-year contract. DeAngelo was on the ice for four Penguins goals in an overtime loss Saturday night and has a minus-6 rating this season. Coach David Quinn de-

clined to say whether the move to waive DeAngelo was solely performance-related.

"Things happen in pro sports, and that was a decision the organization made," Quinn said after practice Sunday. "I don't want to get into specifics. It's something the organization decided to do."

That the Rangers took such an aggressive move to attempt to cut ties with DeAngelo speaks volumes about the 2014 first-round pick's fall in the eyes of the front office and coaching staff. He had been a healthy scratch earlier this season, and Quinn said journeyman Anthony Bitetto would replace DeAngelo in New York's lineup.

The Athletic and New York Post reported that DeAngelo was involved in a post-game "altercation" outside the locker room Saturday night with goaltender Alexandar Georgiev. Quinn said he wouldn't address "rumors."

"This isn't about one incident," he said. "It's not about one thing. This is a situation that the organization felt was best at this current time."

Quinn is expected to speak to the media before the game. At 2-4-2 with six points through eight games, the Rangers sit in last place in the East Division.

DeAngelo has one point in six games. He tied for 12th in Norris Trophy voting last



Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender Tristan Jarry (35) blocks a shot by New York Rangers' Tony DeAngelo to win a shootout and an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Friday, Jan. 22, 2021.

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season with 53 points in 68 games during the shortened regular season.

"A handful of guys maybe aren't playing at the level

they were playing last year, and you could probably say Tony would be one of them, but he's not the only one," Quinn said. □

Red Sox 2B, 2008 AL MVP Dustin Pedroia retires

By JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Dustin Pedroia, the undersized and over-achieving second baseman who spurred the Boston Red Sox to a pair of World Series victories with his grit and a third, after a knee injury effectively ended his career, with his mouth, has retired.

"I never took one play off, from Little League on," Pedroia said on a video-conference with reporters on Monday. "I hope I did enough and set the right example in the city of Boston."

Pedroia, 37, was the AL Rookie of the Year in 2007 and the MVP in his second season but played in a total of nine games in the last three years because of the 2017 injury from a spikes-high slide by then-Orioles shortstop Manny Machado.

He was the longest-tenured player on the Red Sox roster and the only holdover from the 2007 championship team.

"He was the ultimate team player," said Terry Francona, the current Cleveland manager and Pedroia's manager and cribbage opponent for six seasons.



In this Aug. 16, 2011, file photo, Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia celebrates the completion of a triple play against the Tampa Bay Rays during the fourth inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader in Boston.

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"He always seemed to save his very best plays for the most important time of the game. He seemed to will himself at times to lead us to victory. It is impossible to spend any amount of time with him and not become close to him. He just has that type of personality."

A four-time All-Star and

four-time Gold Glove winner, Pedroia batted .299 with 140 homers and 725 RBIs in a 17-year career, all with the Red Sox. He is the only player ever to earn Rookie of the Year, Gold Glove and MVP awards along with a World Series championship in his first two full seasons; only nine

other players have accomplished those feats in their entire career.

"I asked myself one day, 'Who would be a player that you would buy a ticket to see, because it was worth it to watch him play for nine innings?' And my answer was Dustin Pedroia," longtime Red Sox designat-

ed hitter David Ortiz said. "He played with a little chip on his shoulder."

"The one thing I learned for sure was that this was not about size. This was about heart," Ortiz said. "He was the whole package."

Pedroia's work ethic was topped only by his confidence. Team President Sam Kennedy relayed the story of Pedroia's first conversation with then-general manager Theo Epstein relayed after he was picked 65th overall in the 2004 draft.

"Bro!" Pedroia said, "What took so long?"

Pedroia made 11 consecutive opening day starts for the Red Sox, second in franchise history only to Carl Yastrzemski. But his career effectively ended early in the 2017 season when Baltimore's Manny Machado slid into second base, spikes-up, and connected with his left leg.

Asked about the play on Monday, Pedroia said he was at peace with it.

"I'm not upset about anything any more," he told reporters. "There was a slim chance at a double play, and there was one guy on planet earth who could turn it. □"

Here are 12 Super Bowl trivia questions and answers



Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Tom Brady reacts after winning the NFC championship NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay, Wis., Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021.

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By The Associated Press

Tom Brady hasn't played in every Super Bowl. It may only seem that way.

Brady will lead his Tampa Bay Buccaneers against

the defending champion Kansas City Chiefs on Feb. 7 in Tampa, Florida in Super Bowl 55.

It will be the record 10th Super Bowl appearance

for the 43-year-old Brady in his remarkable career. He went 6-3 in his first nine appearances.

In honor of Brady, here are 12 trivia questions and answers to be enjoyed at your socially distanced Super Bowl party.

1. Tom Brady has won six Super Bowls. Which player has the second-most Super Bowl wins?
2. Name the seven starters (offense and defense) from the Chiefs' Super Bowl 4 team to make the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
3. Name the four QBs to start the Super Bowl with multiple teams.
4. Who was the MVP in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' previous Super Bowl appearance?
5. Who is the last non-quar-

terback Super Bowl MVP?

6. Who is the only Super Bowl MVP from a losing team?

7. What is the highest-scoring game in Super Bowl history?

8. What is the lowest-scoring game in Super Bowl history?

9. Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls?

10. Who scored the first touchdown in Super Bowl history?

11. Who has the most rushing yards in a single Super Bowl?

12. Which four teams have never appeared in a Super Bowl?

ANSWERS:

1. Hall of Famer Charles Haley with five.
2. Len Dawson, Curley

Culp, Buck Buchanan, Bobby Bell, Willie Lanier, Emmitt Thomas and Johnny Robinson.

3. Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Kurt Warner and Craig Morton.

4. Dexter Jackson.

5. Julian Edelman in Super Bowl 53.

6. Chuck Howley from Super Bowl 5.

7. Super Bowl 29: San Francisco 49, San Diego 26.

8. Super Bowl 53: New England 13, Los Angeles Rams 3.

9. Miami with 11.

10. Green Bay's Max McGee in the first Super Bowl.

11. Washington's Timmy Smith with 204 yards in Super Bowl 22.

12. Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars. □